

The Hermitage
Near New Castle, Delaware

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new Castle, New Castle County, Delaware

Owner: Mrs. Willard Saulsbury Estate

Date of Erection: Early 18th Century with later additions

Present Condition: Fair. The earliest house is the small $2\frac{1}{2}$ story wing on the North West Corner, and additions were made to the rear of this. The South East Corner was added, and finally the South West Corner built in 1818 by Senator Nicholas VanDyke.

Number of Stories: Two and one half.

Materials of Construction: Brick. Flemish bond on front of earliest building only. Usual timber framing floors, doors and other woodwork. Sash and lights vary in size in older and newer work. The gable in latest work is truncated and surmounted by a flat walk. The South East Corner has a tin roof, otherwise shingles were and are used.

Other Existing Records: Scharf's History of Delaware, New Castle on the Delaware, Offices of Recorder of Deeds and Register of Wills of New Castle County.

Additional Data: The woodwork in oldest portion, paneling and mantelpiece for instance is plain but attractive and the parlor mantelpiece of later date, attractive but rather simply decorated. This residence is particularly interesting because it was a summer residence of a lawyer whose city residence was a scant half mile distant.

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